(b) whether it is a fact that the officers who recommend the institutions and those who release the funds are continuously working on the same seat for the last seven years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) There is no transfer policy in the Department of Women and Child Development including Norad (Now Swawlamban) and Swadhar. However, rotational transfers within the Department are done, as and when necessary.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Self-financing engineering colleges in Kerala

2711. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with AICTE for sanctioning of new self-financing engineering colleges and also for sanctioning additional seats in the existing colleges in Kerala;

(b) the reasons for pendency; and

(c) the action being taken by AICTE in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) AICTE has stated that no application is pending with them for establishment of new technical insitutions nor for increase in intake in Kerala. Applicants whose proposals for establishing new technical institutions have been rejected for deficiencies noted in their proposals, have been given an opportinity to re-apply after rectifying their deficiencies for revisit/inspection by the expert committee.

Financial assistance under Swawlamban (Norad) Scheme

2712. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for financial assistance under the Swawlamban (Norad) Scheme received from NGO's of U.P. since 2002 alongwith the details of assistance extended to them;

(b) the details of the proposals still pending with his Ministry despite being submitted through Steering Committee alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the proposals which have been forwarded to the Central Social Welfare Board and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government are aware that several proposals are pending for clearance with the Central Social Welfare Board; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and by when all the proposals would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) A total of 1108 proposals were received in the Department from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 (till date) and a sum of Rs. 860.52 lakhs was released during the said period.

(b) No proposal is pending with the Department at present because consequent upon a decision taken to transfer Swawlamban Scheme to the States w.e.f. 1.4.2006, all proposals received from Uttar Pradesh-based NGOs and pending on account of various discrepancies, have since been returned to U.P. State.

(c) to (e) 51 project proposals were transferred to Central Social Welfare Board by the Department. Necessary action has been taken by Central Social Welfare Board in the light of the Scheme guidelines. The proposals pending on account of various deficiencies have since been returned to the State Government consequent upon the decision taken to transfer Swawlamban scheme to the States w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

Primary schools in Chhattisgarh

†2713. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.